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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,23-36 and 49 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 33 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 23-32, 34-36, and 49 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 1st Scope of Enablement***

The rejection of claims 1, 23-32, 34-36, and 49, under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is maintained for the reasons of record (see previous two office actions). The specification, while being *enabling for the peptide TKPPR or an analogue which contains therein “TKPPR”* (e.g. GTKPPR) (which specifically binds to NP-1 or cells that express NP-1 with avidity that is equal to or greater than TKPPR) as monomer A, does not reasonably provide enablement for any analogue of TKPPR (e.g. less than “TKPPR”) as monomer A, in the invention’s composition or method of ultrasound imaging. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Applicant has argued that the description of a single TKPPR analogue of “GTKPPR” enables any and all TKPPR analogues, which specifically binds to NP-1 or cells that express NP-1 with avidity that is equal to or greater than TKPPR. Applicant also argues that determining which TKPPR analogues confer the function above would not pose an undue burden on one of skill in the art (e.g. deletions/substitutions therein). Applicant has also provided a declaration to the same. Applicant’s arguments have been considered but are not found persuasive.

Applicant has provided no enabling disclosure or argument indicating which residues of “TKPPR” must be present to allow binding of such analogue for the desired effect. Absent the former, figuring out which analogues (including substitutions/

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deletions), would pose an undue burden on one of ordinary skill in the art. It is suggested that Applicant amend the claims to claim an analogue which must comprise at least those amino acid residues of TKPPR to confer the desired effect of binding to NP-1 or cells that express NP-1 with avidity that is equal to or greater than TKPPR. Absent such claim language, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be apprised of which analogues would function to meet the claimed invention, or be able to determine the same without an undue burden.

Thus, there are an innumerable number of potential peptide fragments, and amino acid substitutions (conservative or non-conservative), that could chemically alter/be synthesized into the peptide TKPPR; however, Applicant has not clearly shown any of these "analogues" (other than a single analogue which still contains "TKPPR"). Specifically, Applicant has not described which residues of "TKPPR" must be present in the analogue to allow it to function/bind to NP-1 or cells that express NP-1 with avidity that is equal to or greater than TKPPR. Absent

Allowable Subject Matter

The compound of claim 33 is not reasonably taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Claim 33 is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, off Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached at 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

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